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For : CARRIER HAVING IMMOBILIZED ANTIGENS OR ANTIBODIES  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until January 4, 2005.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and government fees associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.